
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 347-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§347-13 Persons who are blind, visually handicapped,
4 disabled; public places; public conveyances. (a) Persons who
5 are blind, visually handicapped, or otherwise disabled are
6 entitled to full and equal accommodations, advantages,
7 facilities, and privileges of all common carriers, airplanes,
8 motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor buses, street cars,
9 boats, or any other public conveyances or modes of
10 transportation, hotels, lodging places, places of public
11 accommodation, amusement, or resort, and other places to which
12 the general public is invited, subject only to the conditions
13 and limitations established by law and applicable to all
14 persons.

15 (b) Every person who is blind, deaf, visually handicapped,
16 or otherwise disabled shall have the right to be accompanied by
17 a service dog, especially trained for the purpose of assisting



1 the person in any of the places listed in subsection (a) without
2 being required to pay an extra charge for the service dog;
3 provided that the person shall be liable for any damage done to
4 the premises or facilities by the service dog. No service dog
5 shall be considered dangerous merely because it is unmuzzled.

6 (c) Every disabled person shall have the right to use a
7 life jacket or other flotation device in a public swimming pool;
8 provided that:

9 (1) The person suffers from a physical disability or
10 condition that requires the use of a life jacket or
11 other flotation device; and

12 (2) The person obtains a statement signed by a licensed
13 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice
14 registered nurse attesting to the person's need to use
15 a life jacket or other flotation device.

16 (d) Every motion picture theater that has more than two
17 facilities in the State to which the general public is invited
18 shall provide closed movie captioning and descriptive narration,
19 upon request, during at least two showings per week of each
20 motion picture that is offered for viewing at the motion picture
21 theater; provided that this subsection shall not apply when a



1 motion picture is offered for viewing at the motion picture
 2 theater for less than one week.

3 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The director of human services shall adopt rules
 4 pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this
 5 section."

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2016.
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INTRODUCED BY:

[Handwritten signatures and initials follow the "INTRODUCED BY:" line, including names like "John M. ...", "Gill", "Calvin P. ...", "Mark J. Hahn", "Linda ...", and others.]



H.B. NO. 1272

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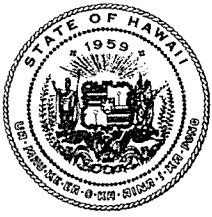
Motion Picture Theaters; Closed Movie Captioning and Descriptive Narration

Description:

Requires motion picture theaters that have two or more facilities in the State to provide closed movie captioning and descriptive narration for at least two showings per week of a motion picture.

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February 10, 2015

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS

House Bill 1272 – Relating to Movie Theaters

The purpose of House Bill 1272 is to amend §347-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by adding a new provision to require every motion picture theater open to the public to provide closed captioning and descriptive narration of each motion picture being shown.

The proposed law would address the discriminatory effects of communication barriers at movie theaters encountered by individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing or are blind or have low vision. By ensuring that movie theaters screen those movies that are produced and distributed with the necessary auxiliary aids and services — captioning and audio description — and that theaters provide the individual devices needed to deliver services to patrons with these particular disabilities, this law would afford such individuals an equal opportunity to attend movies and follow both the audio and visual aspects of movies exhibited at movie theaters.

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the intent of House Bill 1272 with comments as follows.

1. The wording “upon request” on page 2, line 19 should be clarified. DCAB recommends additional language be provided that offers guidance and details on how to comply with the provisions of this bill.
2. Section 347-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is the responsibility of the state Department of Human Services which may not be the appropriate agency to implement this requirement. We ask that the Legislature consider Chapter 489, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which is nondiscrimination in public accommodations under the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.
3. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has issued a proposed rule (August 1, 2014) related to caption and audio description at movie theaters, but there is no final rule, nor implementation date. This state law would take a more proactive stance in Hawaii. However, when the final federal rules are implemented, we believe those rules should be the prevailing standard. DCAB suggests adding a sunset date in the bill, so that there will be only one set of standards businesses will need to follow.

DCAB is responsible for providing technical assistance regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to State and county government agencies, as well as to private businesses such as movie theaters. Part of that responsibility involves closed captioning and audio description as described in House Bill 1272. The federal ADA covers private businesses and accessibility of services to individuals with disabilities under Title III of the law.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA FISCHLOWITZ-LEONG
Chairperson
Legislative Committee

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director

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Committee on Economic Development & Business

Friday, February 6, 2015

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

Aloha State Association of the Deaf support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

It is time to have open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio.

Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of H.B. 1272 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Colleen Cidade
President

Representative Derek Kawakami, Chair
Representative Sam Kong, Vice Chair

Committee on Economic Development & Business

Friday, February 6, 2015

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

Gallaudet University Alumni Association- Hawaii Chapter supports of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

Christine Akana-Holmes
President

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Committee on Economic Development & Business

Friday, February 6, 2015

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

Hawaii Deaf Surfriders Association supports of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

Kaimi Seminara
President

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Strong support of HB 1272

Thank you Chair Kawakami and vice chair Kong
and committee members

My name is Yolanda Phelan
I am giving testimony on behalf of
The Hawaii Association of the Blind

ABOUT AUDIO DESCRIPTION

Audio description is a narration service that provides succinct and vivid language to make the visual images of a theatrical production accessible to people who are blind, have low vision or are otherwise visually impaired. Audio description is typically a carefully timed live commentary of onstage action that guides the listener through new scenes, set designs, costumes, movement and body language. Audio description is broadcast to an earpiece connected to a small handheld device via an FM transmitter and steno-mask microphone.

Through the initiative with the American Council of the Blind, an audio describer will have the opportunity to attend rehearsals at Arena Stage in order to develop an audio description script and will then make their live narration services available at least at one scheduled performance during the runs.

For more information on the American Council of the Blind's Audio Description Project, visit acb.org/adp.

American Council of the Blind Contact: Joel Snyder, jsnyder@audiodescribe.com, 301 920-0218

Regarding Narrated movies on Television

Almost every state offers narrated movies on TV.

The Hawaii Association of the blind asserts that people who are blind, like other people, have the right to expect society to make such changes to the built environment and to programs and activities operated by television, state and local stations that shall have the effect of forwarding the inclusion of blind adults and children in the main stream of society. Those rights that the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act allow, instruction in a broad range of access of narrated programs.

To accommodate blind persons information and where it should be made available, and all reasonable alterations in programmatic delivery which will make all communities more accessible to people who are blind. This principle asserts that blind people have the right to be fully included in our society and, to forward this end, public and private entities which serve the public are expected to take steps to assure that people who are blind can fully and, where possible, independently access the services or goods that are being made available to those who are not blind. Public and private

Access to narrated TV programs. I do appreciate the fact close capturing is finally offered to our Deaf community now technology has made it possible for the blind to enjoy entertainment that is Offered by the fine arts such as Theaters, movie theaters, and television.

Respectfully,

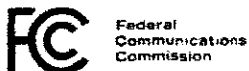
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Video Description

Video description is audio-narrated descriptions of a television program's key visual elements. These descriptions are inserted into natural pauses in the program's dialogue. Video description makes TV programming more accessible to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Availability of video description

FCC rules require local TV station affiliates of ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC located in the top 25 TV markets (see list below) to provide 50 hours per calendar quarter (about 4 hours per week) of video-described prime time and/or children's programming.

- Local TV stations in markets smaller than the top 25 also may provide video description. Check with your local TV stations.
- Many Public Broadcasting System (PBS) stations also provide video description on a number of programs. Check with your local PBS station.
- The requirement to provide video description is extended to local TV station affiliates of ABC, CBS, Fox, and NBC located in the top 60 television markets beginning **July 1, 2015**.

The top five non-broadcast networks - Disney Channel, Nickelodeon, TBS, TNT and USA - must provide 50 hours per calendar quarter (about 4 hours per week) of video-described prime time and/or children's programming.

- Subscription TV systems (offered over cable, satellite or the telephone network) with 50,000 or more subscribers must carry video description.
- Subscription TV systems with fewer than 50,000 subscribers also may provide video description. Check with your subscription TV provider.

How to access video description

Video description is provided through the TV or set top box "secondary audio"; feature, which some TV controls identify as "SAP"; or "secondary audio program."; The secondary audio may also be identified as a language feature, such as "Spanish"; or "SPA,"; because it is also used to provide Spanish or other language translations of English language TV programs. Depending upon the program being viewed, when listening to the secondary audio, you may hear the primary audio with video description, Spanish or other language translation, a duplicate of the primary audio, or silence.

Your TV user manual may provide information about activating the secondary audio feature, or you may contact the customer service department where you bought the TV or the customer service department of the TV manufacturer for assistance. If you have a set top box for subscription TV service, you may contact your subscription TV provider for assistance in activating the secondary audio.

Learn More

Networks, broadcasters and subscription TV systems may provide information about the availability of programs with video description through their websites and in program guides. Some program guides may use the symbol (D) to indicate that the program is video described.

Top 25 TV Markets

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| 1 New York, NY | 14 Tampa-St. Petersburg, FL |
| 2 Los Angeles, CA | 15 Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN |
| 3 Chicago, IL | 16 Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, FL |
| 4 Philadelphia, PA | 17 Denver, CO |
| 5 Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX | 18 Cleveland-Akron, OH (Canton, OH) |
| 6 San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA | 19 Orlando-Daytona Beach-Melbourne, FL |
| 7 Boston, MA (Manchester, NH) | 20 Sacramento-Stockton-Modesto, CA |

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| 8 Atlanta, GA | 21 St. Louis, MO |
| 9 Washington, DC (Hagerstown, MD) | 22 Portland, OR |
| 10 Houston, TX | 23 Charlotte, NC |
| 11 Detroit, MI | 24 Pittsburgh, PA |
| 12 Phoenix, AZ (Prescott, AZ) | 25 Raleigh-Durham, NC (Fayetteville, NC) |
| 13 Seattle-Tacoma, WA | |

For More Information

For more information about FCC programs to promote access for people with disabilities, visit the FCC's Disability Rights Office website.

Contact the FCC

- By phone: 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322); TTY: 1-888-TELL-FCC (1-888-835-5322)
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Video Descriptions and the Digital Television Transition

IF YOU USED VIDEO DESCRIPTIONS TO ACCESS ANALOG TELEVISION PROGRAMMING, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING REGARDING DIGITAL TELEVISION (DTV):

- All full-power television stations have stopped broadcasting in analog, and now broadcast only in digital.
- The DTV transition provided broadcasters with a greater number of audio channels with which they could provide voluntary video description.
- Digital-to-analog converter boxes are not required to process all associated audio services broadcast by a DTV station, so consumers should check with manufacturers and retailers to learn more about whether specific digital-to-analog converter boxes are able to provide video descriptions. In particular, the WGBH National Center for Accessible Media, located in Boston, Massachusetts, has found that two specific digital-to-analog converter boxes – the Digital Stream DTX 9900 and Insignia NS-DXA1 – have demonstrated the capability to pass through video description. (WGBH's National Center for Accessible Media is not affiliated in any way with the FCC, nor is this an endorsement of either the Digital Stream or Insignia digital-to-analog converter box by the FCC. The FCC does not endorse any particular converter box. We also note that this is not intended to provide an exhaustive list; other digital-to-analog converter boxes also may have the ability to pass through video description.)
- Although televisions with digital tuners should be able to process the audio services associated with DTV signals, consumers should confirm that a particular digital television includes this feature by checking with the appropriate manufacturer or retailer.
- If purchasing a digital television or digital-to-analog converter box, consumers should ask the manufacturer or retailer how audio streams are accessed, and whether the remote control and on-screen menus are accessible to individuals with vision disabilities.
- Consumers using multi-channel video services (e.g., cable or satellite) should ask their service provider for additional information about the availability of video description. To the extent that such providers receive programming with video description, those video descriptions may be delivered to the consumer.

Video Description Background

Video descriptions are a way to inform people who are blind or have other vision disabilities of what is happening on the television screen. Video description is the insertion of verbal descriptions about the setting and/or action in a program when information about these visual elements is not contained in the audio portion of the program. These descriptions supplement the regular audio track of the program.

In July 2000, the FCC adopted rules to make television more accessible to people with vision disabilities by mandating that a certain amount of programming contain video description. These rules were vacated by a federal court in November 2002, but in 2010, Congress directed the FCC to conduct a rulemaking to make any necessary updates, and then reinstate the rules. On August 25, 2011, the FCC adopted rules to implement the video description provisions of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVA). These rules are effective as of **July 1, 2012**.

Section 79.2 of the FCC's rules requires that emergency information provided on television be accessible to individuals who have vision disabilities. This means that broadcasters must orally describe any emergency information that is shown on the screen (e.g., weather map showing tornadoes) and must accompany any emergency information that is not orally described (i.e., information presented in a crawl or scroll) with an aural tone which instructs individuals with vision disabilities to turn to a radio or another source for more information.

Impact of Digital Television Transition on Video Description

With digital television, broadcasters have more audio channels on which to provide video description. Because digital television encodes audio in a different manner than the encoding used in analog television, digital television does not utilize a second audio programming ("SAP") channel to transmit video descriptions. The digital television standards provide for two types of main audio service and six types of associated services, including associated services for people with vision disabilities. The standards also permit the transmission of secondary language programming. So while there was one option under the old analog TV service (i.e., the SAP channel), broadcasters now have more audio channels to provide this voluntary service. However, we note that inserting video descriptions into digital programming that was not created

by the distributor may involve additional expense for broadcasters; for this reason, consumers should contact their local broadcasters to determine whether video description is offered.

Accessing additional audio program streams (including video description) typically occurs either through a designated button on the remote control or through an on-screen menu. Unfortunately, if the controls on the television or digital-to-analog converter box are not accessible to people with vision disabilities, it may be a challenge to obtain the descriptions. In such cases, the consumer must know which audio stream the video description is on in advance, as well as how to access this channel. We therefore urge consumers to ask the manufacturer or retailer how audio streams are accessed prior to purchasing a digital television or digital-to-analog converter box. In addition, the consumer should ask whether the on-screen menus – as well as the remote controls that are used to access the on-screen menus – are accessible to individuals who have vision disabilities. Finally, the consumer should contact local television stations to see if they are transmitting video descriptions, and if so, for which programs.

Consumers using cable or satellite services should ask for additional information about the availability of video description from their service providers. To the extent that cable systems, satellite systems or other multi-channel video programming distributors receive programming with video description, those video descriptions may be delivered to the consumer. As with broadcast television, subscription-based television consumers must ensure that their television is capable of displaying available video descriptions and that video description functionality may be accessed by people with vision disabilities.

For More Information

To find out more about the digital television transition, visit our DTV website. For more information about telecommunications issues, visit the FCC's Consumer website, or contact the FCC's Consumer Center by calling 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) voice or 1-888-TELL-FCC (1-888-835-5322) TTY; faxing 1-866-418-0232; or writing to:

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Strong support of HB 1272

Thank you Chair Kawakami and vice chair Kong
and committee members for the opportunity to
submit my testimony.

My name is Art Cabanilla

I am giving testimony as an individual

If not yet aware by now, audio-descriptive movies and/or Television shows are not only appreciated by the blind but, it helps to equal the playing-field in terms of experiencing as close to normal a life as those who can see.

As such a person, I strongly support this measure and urge that, you not only consider its worthiness but, take in count the impact it will have on improving ones quality of life.

For those with a disability it is always a challenge to have those around them accept them as normal. For someone who is blind or visually-impaired, this challenge is even heightened when trying to fit in to today's society which is so visual in nature. Communication is our greatest asset for us when; striving to be part of our visual surroundings.

Therefore, please view this measure not simply on its technical advantages but for how it allows the blind to communicate with those around them and how it bridges the gap of both blind and sighted worlds as one.

Aloha and Mahalo,
HAB member- Board of Directors
Art Cabanilla
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HB 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

To: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS
Rep. Derek S.K. Kawakami, Chair
Rep. Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2015
TIME: 9am
PLACE: Conference Room 312
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

FROM: Jana Kidder

RE: SUPPORT

My name is Jana Kidder and I am writing to express my support of HB1272 Relating to Movie Theaters. I implore the Committee of Economic Development and Business to please support and pass this bill. This bill is a step forward to generate required changes in Hawaii to develop into a more ADA compliant state.

As a member of the hard-of-hearing/deaf community, I await the day when those of us with hearing difficulties can go to any movie theater, anywhere, at any time, and on any given day without having to look up a movie for a '*special showing*' or '*selected theaters*' to see a '*captioned*' movie because we're not suppose to aggravate others in society who don't want to see captioned words displayed across a movie screen.

Let me ask you...

- Am I really an equal member of society?
- Am I not entitled to receive the same services given to a hearing member of the general public?
- Am I a hard-of-hearing/deaf individual not worthy to sit in a movie theater alongside hearing people?
- Should hard-of-hearing/deaf children not be able to enjoy a Disney movie with their family or their peers?
- Should senior citizens become shut-ins or become recluse...only to sit at home and watch captioned TV or captioned DVDs, because along with their peers they can't meet up to enjoy a good movie?

...all because of the absence of captions.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide this testimony.

From: Kammi Koza <kalei7796782@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 07, 2015 5:39 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Testimony for Movie Theaters Closed Caption

Aloha!

My name is Kammi Koza from Oahu. I am Hard of Hearing with cochlear. I would like to have movie theater being closed caption on screen so Deaf people of Hawai'i could enjoy movies. As for fonts of closed caption, I would like to have black and white because currently, closed caption at Dole Cannery shows yellow fonts and it is very hard for us to read. We prefer black and white fonts, just like television. We also rather have captions on screen, instead of movie glasses. I heard it don't work sometimes. Please support us by providing closed caption in movie theaters of Hawai'i.

Mahalo!

Kammi Koza

Honorable Representatives, especially Derek Kawakami and James Tokioka of Kauai:

HB 1272 is extremely important in providing access to movie theaters for individuals with sensory impairment - hearing and vision. I personally have been unable to avail myself of the pleasure of going to the movies due to my deafness, and it feels like discrimination. Captions are provided by the distributors; the theaters only have to provide the technology for patrons to view them on request.

Mahalo,

Lucy

Dr. Lucy Miller

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Representative Derek Kawakami, Chair
Representative Sam Kong, Vice Chair

Committee on Economic Development & Business

Friday, February 6, 2015

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Darlene Ewan. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Darlene Ewan
Honolulu, Hawaii

Representative Derek Kawakami, Chair
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Friday, February 6, 2015

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My name is Brian Nakamoto. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawai'i.

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Brian Nakamoto
Pearl City, HI

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Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 10:37 AM
To:
Subject: Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

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Friday, February 6, 2015

My name is Sarah Comerford, and I am a member of the Deaf community of Hawaii. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

It is time to have open-captioned films in all movie theaters instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to see these technologies replaced by open captioning on movie theater screens.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning. Forcing Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals to use such stigmatizing devices creates an environment of "separate, but equal" that should not be tolerated in the Aloha State. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio.

Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of H.B. 1272 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Sarah Comerford

Mililani, Hawaii

From: COREY, MICHIKO A GS-07 PACAF PACAF/A1KE <michiko.corey@us.af.mil>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 7:16 AM
To:
Subject: H.B. 1272

Representative Derek Kawakami, Chair
Representative Sam Kong, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development & Business

Friday, February 6, 2015

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Michiko Corey. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

It is time to have open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

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Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of H.B. 1272 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Michiko A. Corey
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

From: Dina Dela Pena <leokina5@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 7:08 AM
To:
Subject: Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Dina Dela Pena. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,
Dina Dela Pena
Waipahu, Hawaii

From: Barbara Earth <beearth@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 7:24 AM
To:
Subject: closed captions on movies in Hawaii theaters

Representative Derek Kawakami, Chair
Representative Sam Kong, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development & Business

Friday, February 6, 2015

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Barbara Earth. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Barbara Earth

Honolulu HI

From: Dina Dela Pena <leokina5@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 10:34 AM
To:
Subject: Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Ramona Engoring. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,
Ramona Engoring
Waialua, Hawaii

From: Henry Gosebrink <hgosebrink78@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 10:05 AM
To:
Subject: Open Captions at the Movie Theatre Bill

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Henry Gosebrink. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Henry Gosebrink
Honolulu, HI

Henry Gosebrink

To:

From: Christine Holmes

Subject: Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

Aloha! My name is Christine Holmes. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii. It is time to have open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Christine Holmes

Honolulu, Hawaii

From: K K <myfavorbettyboop@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 9:29 AM
To:

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Friday, February 6, 2015

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Kristl H. Kansana. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Kristl H. Kansana

Kapolei, Hawaii

From: Lambrecht Kayo T. <kayo2la@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 11:03 AM
Subject: Testimony for Open Captioned Films in State of Hawaii.

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Friday, February 6, 2015

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Kayo Lambrecht. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Kayo Lambrecht
KANEEOHE, HI

From: Florence Rapozo <florence.rapozo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 10:32 AM
To:
Subject: Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Florence G Rapozo. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Florence G Rapozo
Honolulu, Hawaii

From: Laura Safranski <lauraterp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 2:33 PM
Subject: Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

Aloha,

My name is Laura Safranski. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

It is time to have open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Laura Safranski

Waimanalo

From: Stephanie Steinlein-Balding <stephaniesteinlein@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 7:41 AM
To:
Subject: Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

Friday, February 6, 2015

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Stephanie Steinlein-Balding. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Stephanie Steinlein-Balding
Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2015

Representative Derek Kawakami, Chair
Representative Sam Kong, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development and Business

Support for H.L.B 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Jennifer Sweeney. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Jennifer Sweeney , Kailua-Kona, HI

From: renee trempe <london705@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 10:03 AM
To:
Subject: open-captioned films in all movies

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Representative Sam Kong, Vice Chair
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Friday, February 6, 2015

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Renee Trempe. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Renee Trempe

Honolulu, Hawaii

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 9:32 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: krispagano@mac.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1272 on Feb 10, 2015 09:00AM

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Submitted on: 2/9/2015

Testimony for EDB on Feb 10, 2015 09:00AM in Conference Room 312

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kristine | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: As a consumer I support this bill. The captioned glasses is not accessible for me as I cannot read up close, I use reading glasses and I wear contacts to see far. To wear bifocals and captioned glasses, I do not have effective communication as the same as others who watch movies without any assistive devices. The closed captions are not clear and readable. I would like the Committee to ask the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (HCRC), should the bill pass, how would HCRC enforce movie theaters to provide open captions if there was none shown on that scheduled day, time and location. Thank you for supporting our Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. Aloha, Kristine

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Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 9:08 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Testimony of R.J. Macdonald re: HB1272 - Relating to Movie Theaters

TESTIMONY OF RODERICK J. MACDONALD
SUBMITTED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS

HB1272 - RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015



Mr. Chairman, Members - My name is Roderick Macdonald. I have been a resident of Hawaii for almost 18 years. I am both deaf and blind.

When I was much younger I used to love attending movies. Back then I had fairly good hearing and some useful vision. My first date (not counting my Senior Prom) was at a movie ... I even looked at the screen sometimes.

All kidding aside, I really, really enjoyed seeing hit movies. But when my vision worsened and my hearing departed, movies were no longer an option.

However, I know first hand how wonderful these experiences were to me and how wonderful they can be to those who are deaf (through captioning) or blind (through audio description of the action). I also know that, with just a wee tweak of the technology, I might myself be able to enjoy these experiences again, using wireless access to my braille tablet.

And so I would like to urge you to support Hosue Bill 1272 that seeks to make movie theaters accessible to us who are just a bit different from the mainstream but still enjoy taking part in mainstream activities. The movies are there, the technology is there, and with your help ... we will be there too.

Thank you very much for your support of HB1272.

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From: Rep. Derek Kawakami
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 9:13 AM
To: kong2 - Brenden
Subject: FW: Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

Importance: High

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From: Ross Miyasato On Behalf Of houseinterpreter
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 8:45 AM
To: Rep. Sam Kong
Cc: Rep. Derek Kawakami
Subject: FW: Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters
Importance: High

From: wbfcc Cheryl [<mailto:wbfcccheryl@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 10:22 AM
To: houseinterpreter
Cc: 'Cheryl Mizusawa'
Subject: Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters
Importance: High

Representative Derek Kawakami, Chair
Representative Sam Kong, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development & Business

Friday, February 6, 2015

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Cheryl Mizusawa. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Cheryl Mizusawa
Pearl City, HI

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| Francine Mae Aona Kenyon | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Sorry my testimony was not sent to you successfully. Am having technical problems. Will test on sending my testimony later. Am supporting with intent of HB1272, Relating to Movie Theaters with a good reason of having movies OPEN CAPTIONED as well as closed captioned because captioned movies will improve reading comprehension and vocabulary skills. Francine Kenyon from Kentucky,

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Aloha,

My name is Cathie Collier and I am a teacher of deaf and hard of hearing children at Waimalu Elementary School. I am in support of HB 1272 relating to open captioned movies. I have taught deaf and hard of hearing students from kindergarten through college level, and I know without a doubt that every student even as young as six year old would greatly benefit by open captioned movies. I've had students who had gone to the movies with their families on the weekend, come to school asking me to explain what was said by certain characters. If they had access to the spoken language through captions, their understanding and enjoyment of the movie would be enhanced and they would come to school able to discuss the characters and plot instead asking me to clarify it for them.

The caption glasses offered at some theaters are not made for young children and are too bulky for them to use for up to 2 hours. I ask that you please support open captioned movies for the hundreds of deaf and hard of hearing people in Hawaii.

Thank you,
Cathie Collier

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Representative Derek Kawakami, Chair
Representative Sam Kong, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development & Business



Friday, February 6, 2015

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Norman Galapin. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Norman Galapin
Honolulu, HI

February 5, 2015

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &
BUSINESS

House Bill 1272 – Relating to Movie Theaters

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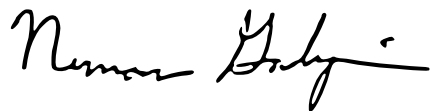
Aloha, I am Norman Galapin, President of the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind Alumni Club (HSDBAC). Our organization proudly represents all alumni of the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2014.

It is on behalf of HSDBAC that I submit this testimony in strong support of House Bill 1272 relating to captioning at motion picture theaters. Many of us recall growing up in an era where captioning was nonexistent. Whenever watching motion pictures, the only dialogues Most of us could access were the ones we had created with our imagination. Over time, legal efforts and their effects made movie theaters increasingly accessible for the deaf and hard of hearing. However, instead of providing open caption display, many theaters nowadays choose to make captioning available via the use of various assistive devices. Examples include portable screens held up by stands placed in cup holders, and special – not to mention bulky – glasses that may be worn throughout the film. While some consider these devices to be effective, the reality is that they are neither comfortable nor easily usable for many deaf and hard of hearing people. Moreover, most theaters provide just one form of access, and often do so without consulting the local deaf and hard of hearing community.

I often remind myself how far we've come in terms of disability access, yet we have farther to go in order to achieve full accessibility. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing deserve to enjoy their movie theater experience as much as the next person. Instead, many find their experience diminished and feel shortchanged when left with no choice but to take in movies with flawed assistive devices. The deaf and hard of hearing deserve better. The first step towards fully accessible motion picture theaters lies in this very bill, which will require regular open captioned showings. Please accept our unwavering support of this bill on behalf of HSDBAC.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,



NORMAN GALAPIN

President

Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind Alumni Club

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Re: In Strong support of HB 2372

Thank you Chair Kawakami and vice chair Kong
and committee members for the opportunity to testify.

My name is Sharon Ige and I am giving testimony as a individual who will be affected by whether this bill is passed or not.

I am totally blind. I have been enjoying the audio descriptive movies at the Dole Cannery Theatres for a few years and was excited to now be able to "hear the action" at Pearl Highlands Theatres too. Because some of us blind people may have difficulty getting around the island, it would be beneficial to have more options on locations carrying the audio description. This may also encourage others who have hesitated in the past, to get out and enjoy a movie once in a while.

Regarding television, it would also help us understand the content and plots of the programs as many of the programs contain action. Young children will also learn to listen to what is happening on the screen.

I have been to many movies promising the audio description but was disappointed when there was none or the headsets were not working or set properly. However, I am thrilled to see the progress providing accessibility to all of us and that we have leaders who care.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 2372. I am fully supportive of this bill.

Sincerely,
Sharon N. Ige
1513 Kuloko Street Pearl City, Hawaii 96782
Sharonige003@hawaii.rr.com
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HB 1272
RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS
House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Public Hearing - February 10, 2015
9:00 am, State Capitol, Conference Room 312

By
Tamar Lani, MBA, CI, CT, NIC, SC:L
Susan Kroe-Unabia, CI, CT

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Aloha,

Our names are Tamar Lani and Susan Kroe-Unabia. We are co-owners of Isle Interpret, LLC. Isle Interpret is writing in support of HB 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

Isle Interpret supports theatres providing captioning and audio descriptions for movies that play longer than one week. This affords deaf and hard of hearing and blind patrons equal access to enjoy movies in the theater like hearing counterparts.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning. These devices are inconvenient and often experience technical glitches that negatively impact the viewing experience. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies. Providing Blind customers with audio descriptions also affords them the same access to the movies as sighted patrons.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Mahalo,

Tamar Lani, MBA, CI, CT, NIC, SC:L, President
Susan Kroe-Unabia, CI, CT, Vice President

From: Jacqueline Miyashiro
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:08 AM
To: kong2 - Brenden
Subject: FW: HB 1272- STRONG SUPPORT

Brenden – FYI
Jackie

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From: Jimmy Tokioka [mailto:jtokioka@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 9:11 AM
To: Rep. Derek Kawakami; Rep. Sam Kong; kong2 - Brenden
Subject: HB 1272- STRONG SUPPORT

February 10, 2015

Testimony to the House Committee on Economic Development and Business
HB 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of HB1272. As a member of the deaf community, I can attest to the importance of the movie-going experience as well as the significance of being excluded from said experience. Movies play an important role in popular culture and provide a common ground for people to relate to their peers. The options currently provided for closed captioning are cumbersome, intrusive, and ultimately detract from the movie-going experience. For example, closed captioning eye glasses allow the user to view the captions but also cause nausea and headaches. As a result, deaf people are less likely to go to the movies and are left out of everyday conversations and social events. Requiring movies to instead be open-captioned would give both deaf and hearing people the ability to fully enjoy movies without the use of assistive closed-captioning devices. Deaf people have been disenfranchised from the full theatrical experience since the advent of movies with sound. It is only fair that this bill be passed and deaf people be permitted to experience movies unassisted. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,
Pono Tokioka

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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| Lisa Tom | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I, Lisa Tom, am a deaf advocate and I support H.B. NO. 1272 because it gives me better flexibility of times and days to go to one of two or more movie facilities that provide close captioning. Why can't I have the functional equivalency and equal access to any movie theatre like hearing people? In my past experience, I went to one Regal movie theatre that requires additional product, closed caption glasses. It is little heavy and not comfortable for me to put it on because I wear my glasses and hearing aids. The mobility was limited and I needed to sit still while reading the captions whereas a hearing person is free to move around or able to lean his or her head back or on a partner's shoulder. I would miss the captioning if I move around when wearing closed caption glasses. Furthermore, the hours and days at that movie theatre was or is not great. The driving distance was also little farther from my home. It didn't make me feel relaxed so I lost my interest in going to the movie theatre. I hope to see more movie facilities including close captioning in the State of Hawaii in the future where people with disabilities including myself would feel "free" to go and enjoy ourselves just like hearing people. Please support the H.B. NO. 1272. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Lisa Tom

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Friday, February 6, 2015

Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Theresa Ewan. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

It is time to have open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio.

Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of H.B. 1272 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa Ewan".

Theresa Ewan
Honolulu, Hawaii

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My name is Ron Lake. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

I would be grateful if all movie theaters were open-captioned for accessibility to deaf and hard-of-hearing persons. Devices (such as goggles, and rear-window captioning) currently available in SOME theaters are cumbersome, require deposit of identification, and staff to monitor.

Let's open our theaters to all movie goers. Lets allow for deaf patrons to join their family and friends to watch a movie, anytime, anywhere!

Thank you for your support!

Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Lake".

Ron Lake
Honolulu, Hawaii

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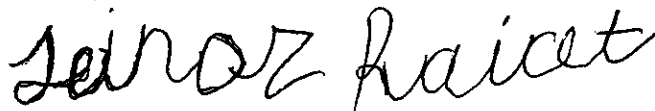
Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Teinor Rairat. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teinor Rairat". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Teinor Rairat
Kalihi, Hawaii

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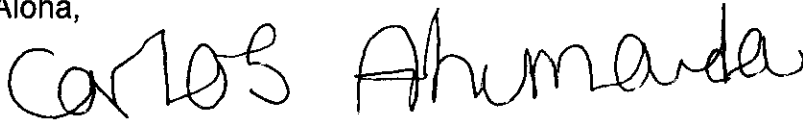
Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

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Aloha,

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Carlos Ahumada
Honolulu, Hawaii

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My name is Kai Hsin Chang. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha, Kai Hsin Chang

Kai Hsin Chang
Honolulu, Hawaii

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My name is Macayla Faamai. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Macayla Faamai". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Macayla" and last name "Faamai" clearly legible.

Macayla Faamai
Mililani, Hawaii

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Aloha,

Kai Hsin Chang

Kai Hsin Chang
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Iolani Nickewpwi. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,



Iolani Nickewpwi
Kalihi, Hawaii

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My name is Jayden Takeuo. I am in support of H.B. 1272
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Aloha,

Jayden Takeuo

Jayden Takeuo
Kalihi, Hawaii

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John Baronetto
My name is (Insert Your Name). I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

(Insert Your Name)
(City and State)

John Baronetto
Honolulu, HI

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My name is Mariah Punzalan. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mariah Punzalan", written in a cursive style.

Mariah Punzalan
Maui, Hawaii

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My name is Erin Carino. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Carino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin Carino
Aiea, Hawaii

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Aloha,

Teinor Rairat
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Precious Bautista". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Precious Bautista
Wainae, Hawaii

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My name is Arwin Sacalamitao. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arwin Sacalamitao', written over a horizontal line.

Arwin Sacalamitao
Honolulu, Hawaii

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My name is Mirasol Oallesma. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mirasol Oallesma", written in a cursive style.

Mirasol Oallesma
Wahiawa, Hawaii

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My name is Claryssia Morris. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,



Claryssia Morris
Honolulu, Hawaii

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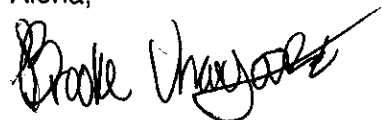
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My name is Brooke Christophersen-Urayanza. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brooke Urayanza", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brooke Christophersen-Urayanza
Maui, Hawaii

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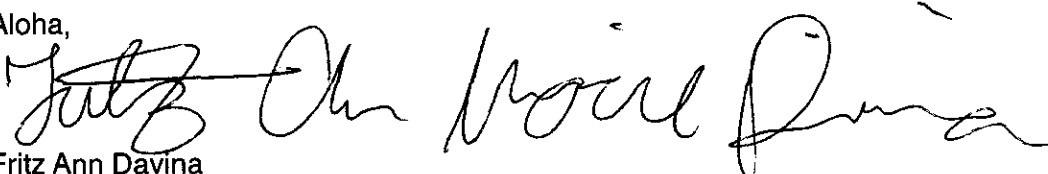
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My name is Fritz Ann Davina. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,



Fritz Ann Davina
Maui, Hawaii

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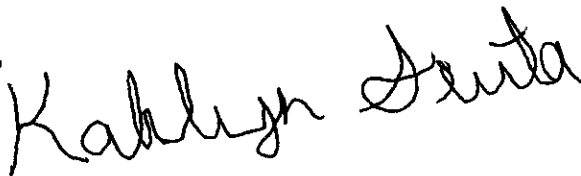
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My name is Kahlyn Siuta. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kahlyn Siuta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kahlyn Siuta
Honolulu, Hawaii

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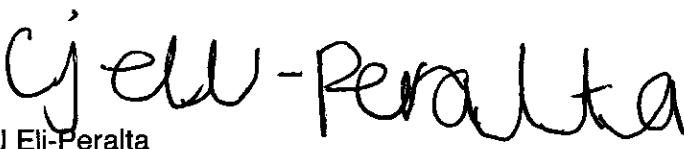
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My name is CJ Eli-Peralta. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,


CJ Eli-Peralta
Wainae, Hawaii

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My name is Aneesah Silvels. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aneesah Silvels". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Aneesah Silvels
Honolulu, Hawaii

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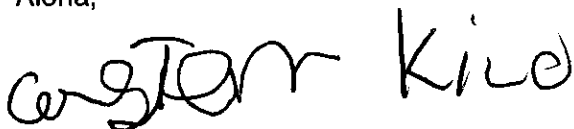
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My name is Caston Kilo. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caston Kilo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caston Kilo
Waipahu, Hawaii

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My name is Mavrick Fiti. I am support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

Mavrick Fiti

Mavrick Fiti
Honolulu, Hawaii

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My name is Jaydee Malama-Cardenas. I am support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jaydee Malama-Cardenas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "J" and "M".

Jaydee Malama-Cardenas
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Alstin Quisquirin-Sabagala. I am support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,

Alstin Quisquirin-Sabagala

Alstin Quisquirin-Sabagala
Honolulu, Hawaii

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My name is Eva Momosea. I am support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EVA" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eva Momosea
Honolulu, Hawaii

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My name is Anthony Momosea-Silva. I am support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

ANTHONY MOMOSEA-SILVA
Anthony Momosea-Silva
Honolulu, Hawaii

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My name Emilia Daquiaoag. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

Emilia Daquiaoag
Kalihi, Hawaii

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emilia Daquiaoag". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name and address.

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My name is Peter Balding III. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawai'i.

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Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,



Peter Balding III
Honolulu, Hawai'i

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My name is Setsue Ikeda. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawai'i.

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Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,



Setsue Ikeda
Honolulu, Hawai'i

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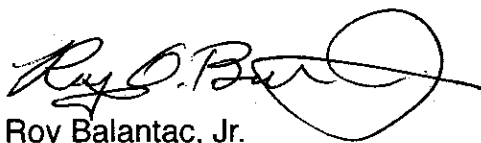
Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Roy Balantac, Jr. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawai'i.

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Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Balantac, Jr.", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Roy Balantac, Jr.
Honolulu, Hawai'i

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Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Brittany Flynn. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

It is time to have open-captioned films in all movie theaters instead of having alternative devices such as googles, rear-window captioning, and similar devices. Hearing people do not require special equipment to hear the sounds in the movies they watch. It is appropriate that deaf people do not require special equipment to read the captions but to simply watch the movie with open-captions as much as their hearing peers watching the movie with sound.

Passage of H.B1272 will put all deaf people in an equal footing with their hearing peers.

Aloha,

Brittany Flynn
Honolulu, HI

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Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Gene Siskup. I am in support of H.B. 1272
requiring movie theaters to show open captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Passage of H.B1272 will put me in an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,

Gene Siskup
Honolulu, HI

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Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Kayla-Ann. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Passage of H.B1272 will put me in an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,

Kayla-Ann Mura Kami
Honolulu, HI

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Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Keala'oha. I am in support of H.B. 1272
requiring movie theaters to show open captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Passage of H.B1272 will put me in an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,

Keala'oha KUCOHV

Honolulu, HI

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Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Paul McDonnell. I am in support of H.B. 1272
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as much as their hearing peers watching the movie with sound.

Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my
hearing peers.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paul McDonnell', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul McDonnell;;
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Tracey Kashiwa. I am in support of H.B. 1272
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Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my
hearing peers.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracey Kashiwa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tracey" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Kashiwa".

Tracey Kashiwa
Honolulu, Hawaii

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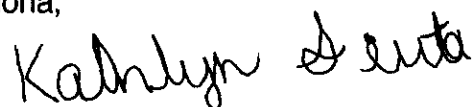
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My name is Kahlyn Siuta. I am in support of H.B. 1272
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Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kahlyn Siuta". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Kahlyn" and last name "Siuta" clearly distinguishable.

Kahlyn Siuta
Pearl City, Hawaii

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My name is CJ Eli-Perata. I am in support of H.B. 1272
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hearing peers.

Aloha,


CJ Eli-Perata
Waiane, Hawaii

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Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Macalya Faamai. I am in support of H.B. 1272
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Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my
hearing peers.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Macalya Faamai". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Macalya Faamai
Mililani, Hawaii

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Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Caston Kilo. I am in support of H.B. 1272
requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caston Kilo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caston Kilo
Waipahu, Hawaii

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Support for H.S. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Jessica Blankenship. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Passage of H.B. 1272 will put Deaf individuals on an equal footing with their hearing peers.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Blankenship', written in a cursive style.

Jessica Blankenship
Honolulu, HI

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My name is Eric Dela Pena. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Dela Pena", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Eric Dela Pena
Waipahu, HI

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My name is Vernicole Agustin. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vernicole Agustin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small checkmark above the 'V' and another above the 'A'.

Vernicole Agustin
Honolulu, HI

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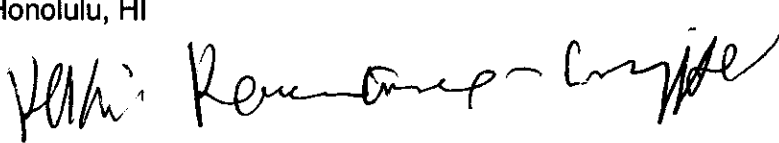
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My name is Kekai Ka'aumoana-Cummings. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,
Kekai Ka'aumoana-Cummings
Honolulu, HI

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kekai Ka'aumoana-Cummings', written in a cursive style.

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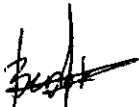
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My name is Benjamin D. Balboa III. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,



Benjamin D. Balboa III
Honolulu, HI

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My name is Jannellie Basilio. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,


Jannellie Basilio
Honolulu, HI

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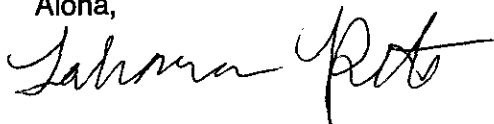
Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

My name is Talianna Peter. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Talianna Peter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Talianna Peter
Honolulu, HI

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My name is Shelby Mogavero. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,
Shelby Mogavero
Honolulu, HI

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelby Mogavero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

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My name is Alexander Palacio. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander Palacio", written in a cursive style.

Alexander Palacio
Wahiawa, Hawaii

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My name is DeeJay Diopulos. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DeeJay Diopulos", written over a horizontal line.

DeeJay Diopulos
Kona, Hawaii

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My name is Pita Tagoilelagi. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-caption films in the State of Hawaii.

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Passage of H.B. 1272 will put me on an equal footing with my hearing peers.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pita Tagoilelagi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pita Tagoilelagi
Wainae, Hawaii

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Support for H.B. 1272 Relating to Movie Theaters

Aloha! My name is Colleen K. Cidade. I am in support of H.B. 1272 requiring movie theaters to show open-captioned films in the Statewide of Hawaii.

I had a good and a bad experiences for devices (such as goggles, and rear-window captioning) currently available in SOME theaters are cumbersome, require deposit of identification, and staff to monitor. And battery die, went there and exchange it and went back to movie - missing some information, hurt my nose if i wear that, if i wear and i have to stay still up and sit still. Too much for headache that. But positive way- provide for Deaf and Hard of Hearing if need.

Let is open our theaters to all movie goers and allow for deaf people to join their family and friends to watch a movie, no limited and just anywhere/anytime!

Again, I support H.B. 1272 will put me on an EQUAL with other hearing people as passage!

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Colleen K. Cidade', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015 AT 9:00 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 312
HOUSE BILL 1272, RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS

Chair Rep. Derek Kawakami, Vice-Chair Rep. Sam Kong, Members, and Friends,

Aloha, my name is Francine M. Aona Kenyon from Stanford, KY. I definitely miss my sweet home, Hawaii. Hope everything goes well for you all, my dear friends with ALOHA!

I support in intent of the House Bill No. 1272, Relating to Movie Theaters, because of my numerous years of experiences as movie goer myself.

I had a wonderful opportunity to enjoy watching the movies in **open-captioned, closed-captions, and/or real time captioning** and learning many new words that I haven't heard of before.

Open-captioned movies are instrumental and educational for students' abilities to improve their English skills and vocabulary. Therefore, I firmly disagree with anyone saying that the open-captioning distract their viewing of their movies without realizing the importance of reading and vocabulary skills for schoolers who are either deaf or hearing. Capioned movies, whether closed or opened, does help me enhance listening comprehension skills with the aid of my hearing aids.

Therefore, I support in intent of the House Bill Nol. 1272, Relating to Movie Theaters, limiting to closed-captioning by itself if reading is mostly concerned in the entire educational system.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your consideration about the captioning of the movies for the educational purposes. May God bless you!

Sincerely,



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